

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

This month we will have a mystery speaker at the June 8 meeting, so show up and find out who???

Buz Sawyer is in the hospital – he had a bad fall at home that nearly paralyzed him, but the word I have is that he is doing much better, took a few steps today and will recover fully.

Other than that, enjoy the nice weather and I will see you at the meeting next week.

Bill Weedon

## HANGAR FLYING

### Weekend Flying

The month of May has been better for our little “*SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch*”. The gale force winds have subsided and the weather Gods gave us break for a change. For the most part we have gathered every weekend this month and most Thursdays evenings as well. Most of the seasonal airport eateries have reopened and we have been able to fly to most of them already. A couple of them have changed ownership and changed a bit, some better and one not so good. I’m sure we will give them another try next month to see if they changed for the better. It’s only fair to rate them on more than one visit.

Seven of us were able to attend the New Bedford 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Aviation Day at EWB on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I’m sure this airport hasn’t been this busy in a long time and was nice to see a positive attempt to promote general aviation in a good way. The weather was absolutely perfect and the day was fun for all.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira

### The Flying Food Hound Goes to ACK

The hound and his number one loyal sidekick, Franko, bummed a ride one morning with Doc Larry Levin to Nantucket. We were originally headed to Keene, NH with the Boooooonnnannnaaa driver and his Posse along with Rollover but ditched them for a better offer. We got to fly in Larry’s Toboggan Trinidad. His N number ends with “LL.” I think it stands for loving life, no doubt from flying that superb piece of aerospace wonderment. LL has all the bells and whistles like GPS, Satellite Weather, Radar, Autoland, drink holders, fly-by-wire, XM stereo and like 5000 hp under the hood. It made finding the tiny island of Nantucket a breeze on a seriously VFR day. Awesome.

After he landed spaceship LL, we went into the Op’s office. They had hot out of the oven chocolate chip cookies. I had only three, as I did not want to spoil my appetite. Franko breathed in the aroma but I think Larry sneaked one. I suspect Larry is a closet binge eater based on his rather large frame.

Now, onto the main course. The wait staff at the Crosswinds Restaurant appeared to be all from the Eastern Bloc countries. Tall, blond... Yeah, you get the picture. It was like walking into a Seinfeld episode. They were all lovely. Anyway, Larry and I both had the chicken salad sandwich with a side salad. Franko had the soup and a half sandwich du jour. It was all so good and surprisingly inexpensive. Actually not really a surprise. After all, it is on an island noted for affordable housing and reasonable lodging. Gilligan and company would have done well to strand themselves there after a 3 hour tour, ♪ a 3 hour tour. For us the weather was never rough, but it did start to get late so we headed back out through the Op’s office where I gathered up a few more cookies for the ride home. I slept the whole way back so I am guessing the meal and flight went well together.

The Crosswinds restaurant is in the Main Terminal Building. They have a website so visit [www.crosswindsnantucket.com](http://www.crosswindsnantucket.com) to check out the menu. This is not the old “Wings” restaurant of years ago. They have a full bar and a takeout counter for those of you on the run. Check it out, don’t believe what I have to say. But leave some cookies for the other pilots!



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting

May 11, 2010

Because of the Tower Tour there was no business meeting. 62 members and guests took part. We wish to thank Tom Lafen and his crew for the invitation and the Federal Inn in the terminal for their fine buffet.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

## NOTAMS

### RIPA JACKETS

Rene Cardon will bring sample jackets to the June dinner meeting for members to see. He will be taking orders and also have a catalog if you would like to browse for another article of clothing that can have the association emblem applied.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Frank and Jan Sherman, Dee Scanlon and Marilyn Biagetti had an especially difficult decision to make this year. We had a dozen excellent applicants and only two awards to give away.

Thomas M. Allen, 16, is from Westerly and wants to follow in his grandfathers and fathers footsteps and become a third generation pilot. He has been flying with his dad since he was 9 and received his first lesson at 12 in an AT-6WWII fighter. He has his student pilot's certificate and hopes to get his Private by his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thomas is a Master Sargent in the RI Civil Air Patrol, maintains High honors in school and is a member of their swim and sailing team, among other activities. His goal is the Air Force Academy.

Drew Stocker, 20, is from East Greenwich and hopes to become a pilot in the Coast Guard. As an Eagle Scout and adult leader he stays involved in Boy Scouting assisting and mentoring scouts. He is currently enrolled in Ground School and before entering the Coast Guard he will have earned his EMT License.

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## eMAIL BAG

Tue 5/25/2010

RIPA 2007 scholarship winner Steve Pellegrino here! I just wanted to drop everyone a line in RIPA and say hi. I still browse around The Plane Paper and whatnot so I haven't forgotten about everyone.

As an update, I just graduated from Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach, FL (3 years for a Bachelor's degree!) earlier this month with a 4.0 GPA and all of my flying certificates under my belt. Throughout my time there, I worked as a part-time flight instructor and gained over 875hrs total and 90 multi-engine. I participated on the Eagles Flight Team and won numerous awards over my time with the team.

I really would like to thank the Rhode Island Pilots Association again for the help and support as I left to attend ERAU.

I'm back in RI now though and looking for a job! I'd love to participate in some flying with the members if that's possible. When does everyone usually meet for breakfast? Thanks!!-Steve

To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

### *RIPA's sponsoring businesses*

**Roger Biagetti**

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Phone: 1-800-60-pilot or -1-800-607-4568  
<http://thepilotshop.com/>

## EVENTS

### Quonset Airshow

June 26 & 27. RIPA members have previously been invited to Friday 25th's Open House. For information go to <http://www.ripilots.com> or <http://www.riairshow.org/>

### Oshkosh Airshow

July 23 – August 1 Rene Cardon (651-3528) & Paul Carroll are asking friends to contact them if they are going to Oshkosh. They like to plan a gathering for dinner. <http://www.airventure.org/>

### Flyin/Campout at Gadabout Gaddis

August 21/22 –tentative

Check webpage for details <http://www.ripilots.com>

### Seaplane Flyin

September 10, 11, 12 in Greenville, Maine. This has been an annual event for RIPA members. Contact Rene and join the group at a dinner. <http://www.seaplanefly-in.org/>

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### USED CESSNA PARTS FOR SALE:

Complete **exhaust system** for a Cessna 172M, (O320 engine) in good condition. This system was removed so as to install a Power Flow Exhaust System. Asking \$600

One complete set of McCauley **main wheels** and **brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. Removed for upgrade with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$150

**Sigtronics Intercom**, SPA-400, w/ installation manual. Asking \$100

ARC **Nav/Com** RT-385A with IN-385 indicator (24V). Asking \$400

ARC **marker beacon receiver** R-402A (24V). Asking \$75

Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25  
(NEW) Rapco vacuum **instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10

3 sealed cans of **AVBLEND** oil additive. \$45  
Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

**Marilyn:** 568 3497, **Fax:**568 5392, **email** biagettim@cox.net

This will be the last newsletter until September. Remember, members would enjoy hearing of your adventures so take a minute and send an article along. I hope you all have a safe and fun summer.  
EDITOR

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to [www.RIPilots.com/join](http://www.RIPilots.com/join).



Here is a picture of the new Terminal at Nantucket Airport

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**Piper 1234W:**"Chattanooga tower, Piper 1234W with you at 2,000."

**Chattanooga Tower:**"Piper 1234W — cleared to land, runway 20."

**Piper 1234W:**"Roger. Cleared to land, runway 20."  
[after a pause]

**Chattanooga Tower:**"Piper 1234W, you just flew past runway 20."

**Piper 1234W:**"Yep, too much *giddyup* and not enough *whoa*. I'll do a 180 and catch it on the turn."

**Chattanooga Tower:**"Roger. Cleared to land, runway 20."

**Pilot:**"Hey, Tower — what's Ft. Myers approach?"

**Tower:**"It's a radar facility north of us to assist pilots through the area."

**Pilot:**"Uh, no — I mean, what's the frequency?"

**Tower:**"Oh, that!"

Approaching my home airport with easterly winds, runway 7 is usually available:

**Me:**"Tower, Cirrus 504PG, 10 miles west. Request 7."

**Tower:**"Cirrus 504PG, report midfield, downwind, 7."

**Me:**"Uhh — Cirrus 504PG is 10 miles **west**, inbound for 7."

**Tower (realizing the mistake):**"Let me turn my monitor around. O.K., Cirrus 504PG, report three-mile final for 7."

*This one may not have come over the radio, but it's a priceless cockpit exchange:*

I was flying with a friend and his 7-year-old nephew a few weeks ago. After take-off, I was talking to departure control and was given numerous vectors and altitudes in the busy DFW airspace. After a few minutes, the youngster piped in with, "Would you please stop talking on your phone and pay attention to your flying?"

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## MEETING NOTICE

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Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by June 6, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,  
500ft on right

Buffet of: Baked Salmon

Long Island Clam Chowder

Meatballs and Penne Marinara

Garden Vegetable Medley, Baby Carrots,

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf

Garden Salad w/house dressing

Fresh Bread

Assorted Cake Slices

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$25 per person

\$45 per couple

\$5 just coffee and dessert

### PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

Feel free to join us by 8:00pm if you wish to attend just the meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge if you would like just coffee and dessert.

Members wishing to fly into PVD can call any Board Member to arrange transportation to and from the meeting.

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## GUEST SPEAKER

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September 14 - Dinner Meeting

September 28- Board Meeting

October 12 - Dinner Meeting

October - Harvest Hangar Party

October 26- Board Meeting

November 9 - Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

November 23- Board Meeting

**December 14 – Holiday Gala**

**Air Man of the Year Award**